THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRl SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) On 4th August, 2004 at about 2050 hours one fidayeen attacked CRPF camp located at Feroz Manjil in a residential area under Police Station Rajbagh, Srinagar. There was complete black out during that time and taking advantage of the darkness the fidayeen lobbed grenades and shot dead the front sentry. He, thereafter, entered the building and fired indiscriminately killing one Assistant Commandant and 7 other ranks. The fidayeen, who hid in a room, was killed in the early morning of 5th August, 2004.

(c) No army camp has been breached in a fidayeen attack during the last one year.

(d) 14 CRPF personnel (including those killed in the incident of 4th August, 2004) have been killed in the last 6 months in the fidayeen attacks. But no army personnel have been killed in a Fidayeen attack during the period.

(e) The following measures have been instituted to enhance the security of army camps, to contend with the threat of suicide attacks:—

(i) Surveillance and domination of surrounding areas.

(ii) Identification and sanitation of vulnerable areas.

(iii) Review of procedures to generate speedy and effective response.

(iv) Erection of boundary fence/walls with security lights and alarm systems.

(v) Controlled access to military areas.

(vi) Earmarking of Quick Reaction Teams to generate requisite response.

(vii) Improved co-ordination between various agencies.

**Recruitment of young boys by Pak based terrorists for militancy in J&K**

2277. SHRl DATTAMEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whethere Government are aware that Pakistan-based terrorists are recruiting young boys to wage militancy in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such children intercepted by the Army in Jammu and Kashmir during the last six months; and

(d) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (A) and (b) Yes, Sir. The youth are being recruited by various outfits into their fold to wage military in J&K State.

Such youth are enticed to terrorist fold after being indoctrinated or given allurements by the over ground workers of terrorist outfits. Unemployed youth mostly nailing from poor/downtrodden families are easy victim to such machinations. Such youth are generally given elementary training in subversive activities locally and are initially employed to hurl grenades and act as guides to foreign mercenaries.

(c) As per the information provided by the Army, a total of 49 such boys have been rescued by security forces in J&K during 2004 (till July 31).

(d) Various steps including the following have been taken to check such activities of the terrorists:-

(i) The J&K police and Security forces have all along been targeting over ground support structure of terrorists and Anti-National Elements (ANEs) involved in such activities and taking appropriate actions against them under law.

(ii) Effective vigil over the routes along the LoC inaccessible areas thereby intercepting such youths before they cross over LoC for obtaining training.

(iii) Collecting Intelligence regarding such activities and taking preventive action on the basis of inputs.

(iv) Mass contact programme by SFs/J&K police with people living in isolated pocket to discourage such tendencies.

(v) Enhancing economic and developmental policies to give better avenues for employment.